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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chairman and such other officers as may be required.

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As recommended by the Commission on Sustainable Development in its decision 8/1, the General Assembly, in its resolution 55/199, decided to convene the Commission during its tenth session to act as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development. In that context, the Assembly invited the Commission to start its organizational work in order, inter alia, to elect, from among all States, a Bureau composed of 10 members, with two representatives from each of the geographical groups, one of whom would be elected Chairperson and the others Vice-Chairpersons, one of whom would also act as the Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for the session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

In paragraph 16 of its resolution 55/199, the General Assembly invited the Commission to start its organizational work in order to:

(a) Elect, from among all States, a Bureau composed of 10 members, with two representatives from each of the geographical groups, one of whom would be elected Chairperson and the others Vice-Chairpersons, one of whom would also act as the Rapporteur;

(b) Consider progress in preparatory activities carried out at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups;

(c) Decide on the specific modalities of future sessions of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 17 of General Assembly resolution 55/199;

(d) Consider a process for setting the agenda and determining possible main themes for the Summit in a timely manner.

3. Progress in preparatory activities for the World Summit on Sustainable Development at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups

In paragraph 16 (b) of its resolution 55/199, the General Assembly invited the Commission to consider progress in preparatory activities carried out at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in preparatory activities at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups

Review reports of the Secretary-General on progress achieved since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Relevant parts of the Chairmen's summary of the discussion held during the high-level segment of the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

4. Specific modalities of future preparatory meetings, including matters related to the accreditation for participation in the preparatory process and the Summit of relevant non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

In paragraphs 15 (f) and 16 (c) of its resolution 55/199, the General Assembly decided that the Commission should decide on the specific modalities of the future sessions of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, including matters related to the accreditation for participation in the preparatory process and the Summit of relevant non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the involvement of non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the preparatory process and the Summit

5. Draft rules of procedure for the Summit

The General Assembly, in paragraph 15 (h) of its resolution 55/199, decided that the Commission should propose rules and procedures for the participation of representatives of major groups in the Summit, taking into account the rules and procedures applied at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

The Commission will have before it draft provisional rules of procedure for the World Summit for Social Development, including the participation of representatives of major groups.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General containing draft provisional rules of procedure for the Summit

6. Process for setting the agenda and determining possible main themes for the Summit in a timely manner

In paragraph 16 (d) of its resolution 55/199, the General Assembly invited the Commission to consider a process for setting the agenda and determining possible main themes for the Summit in a timely manner.

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the Summit on its organizational session

The report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the Summit on its organizational session will be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session for its consideration and appropriate action.